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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION:
US SPRING WHEAT TEAM TRIP TO USSR.

REF: NEETZ JULY 16 PHONE CALL TO HORBALY

1. TEAM SCHEDULED DEPART WASHINGTON MORNING OF JULY 18 WITH ETA MOSCOW OF JULY 21. TEAM MEMBERS ENROUTE WASHINGTON FOR BIEFING. TEAM WILL NOT RPT NOT DEPART US WITHOUT ADVANCE RECEIPT OF SATISFACTORY ITINERARY.

2. ESSENTIAL THAT TOURMF NEW LANDS GO FORWARD AS PLANNED DUE INADEQUATE INFORMATION ON 1975 SOVIET CROP AND WIDESPREAD REPORTS OF CROP DAMAGE. AS WILL BE RECALLED 1974 US SPRING WHEAT TEAM TRIP HAD TO BE CANCELLED BECAUSE SOVIETS FAILED TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY ITINERARY. STRONG NEGATIVE US AND WORLD PRESS REACTION ALMOST CERTAIN IF SOVIETS FORCE USDA SUSPEND TRIP AGAIN THIS YEAR.

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3. IF AGATT DOES NOT RECEIVE PROMISED ITINERARY FROM RUNOV ON JULY 17, EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATION AT APPROPRIATE ESCALATED LEVEL FOR IMMEDIATE SOVIET APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ITINERARY.

PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATE CABLE ADVISING RESULTS THIS DEMARCHE BY
MOSCOQ COB ON JULY 17. KISSINGER

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